



Government of the District of Columbia
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Board of Veterinary Medicine

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BOARD MEETING OPEN SESSION MINUTES

**January 15, 2015
9:30am-10:30am**



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BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	ARUNA NOON KAMPANI, DVM -CHAIRPERSON	
	LISA LAFONTAINE- VICE CHAIRPERSON CONSUMER MEMBER	
	LEANNE LIPTON, BS, DVM, CVA, CVSMT, CVC, CVTN, CVFT-BOARD MEMBER	
	ASHLEY GALLAGHER, DVM-BOARD MEMBER	
STAFF:	RIKIN S. MEHTA, PharmD, JD, LL.M- SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
	EMILIA MORAN, INVESTIGATOR	
	SHAKIRA RICHARDSON, INVESTIGATOR	
	LAKISHA THOMPSON, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	
	ANTOINETTE STOKES, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	
	DIANE MOORER, IT SPECIALIST	
LEGAL STAFF:	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ESQ, BOARD ATTORNEY	



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CASE ASSIGNMENTS:

<u>BOARD MEMBERS:</u>	
DR. ARUNA NOON KAMPANI (AK)	OS-0115-01, OS-0115-06, OS-0115-09, OS-0115-10
LISA LAFONTAINE (LL)	OS-0115-09, OS-0115-10, OS-0115-11
DR. LEANNE LIPTON (DLL)	OS-0115-09, OS-0115-10, OS-0115-11
DR. ASHLEY GALLAGHER(AG)	OS-0115-09, OS-0115-10, OS-0115-11
<u>BOV STAFF:</u>	
RIKIN S. MEHTA, PharmD, JD, LLM (RM)	OS-0115-02, OS-0115-09, OS-0115-10
DR. VITO DELVENTO (VDV)	OS-0115-03, OS-0115-08, OS-0115-09, OS-0115-10
EMILIA MORAN (EM)	OS-0115, OS-0115-10
PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT (PV)	OS-0115-05, OS-0115-09, OS-0115-10
LAKISHA THOMPSON (LT)	OS-0115-09, OS-0115-10
SHAKIRA RICHARDSON (SR)	OS-0115-04, OS-0115-09, OS-0115-10
ANTOINETTE STOKES (AS)	OS-0115-09, OS-0115-10, OS-0115-12



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OPEN SESSION:

OS-0115-01 AK	<u>INTRODUCTION-REPORTS</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. CALL TO ORDER: 9:45am2. PRESIDING: Dr. Kampani3. MEMBERS PRESENT: See Board members listed above4. MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Ashley Gallagher5. QUORUM: Yes6. STAFF PRESENT: See staff members listed above7. STAFF ABSENT: Shakira Richardson	
OS-0115-02	<u>SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. DelVento, ED stated on behalf of Dr. Mehta, SDD that the agencies intentions are to go live with their new program My License Office (MLO) by later on today; or shortly thereafter. He also, stated that once the new IT is installed it will have the capability of real time live streaming. Therefore, the veterinary community and the public can tune in via television or computer to keep abreast with the BOVM.	RM
OS-0115-03	<u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. DelVento(ED) gave an update on the status of the agency becoming accredited. He stated that according to the feedback from Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) the agency is more than likely going to become accredited. However, we (DOH) are still in the preliminary stages of the process. It will also give staff a boost, to know that we are on the right track, and we	VDV



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	<p>are moving in the direction that national leaders see public health going.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Census Report-255	
OS-0115-04	<p><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT -ASP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. DelVento stated that the ASP is preparing to host their annual Health Fairs throughout all wards this spring. He also stated that the Zoonotic program begins in the spring which falls under the umbrella of ASP.	SR
OS-0115-05	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Board attorney gave an update on the case between the North Carolina Board of Dentistry and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) which is still pending. It is an issue before the Supreme Court concerning teeth whitening. The Supreme Court held an oral argument in the case of Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the N. Carolina Board of Dentistry. The FTC stance was that the N. Carolina Board had no authority to send out letters to the various mall kiosk's and non-dentist people regarding teeth whitening. She also stated that she will continue to keep the Board updated as the information becomes available.	PV
OS-0115-06 AK	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr.Kampani stated that she attended the AVMA Convention and it was very informative. "She also stated that they have appointed new delegates who are recent vet school graduates."	
OS-0115-07	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	
OS-0115-08	<p><u>Housekeeping</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Board will hold their next scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2015.	VDV



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OS-0115-09 ALL	<u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u> Consideration of the November 20, 2014 open session meeting minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Board moved to approve the open session meeting minutes with amendments. Seconded: Passed: Unanimously	AS
OS-0115-10 ALL	<u>Open Session Consent Agenda</u> There are no Consent Agenda Items.	
OS-0115-11 LL/DLL AG	<u>Subcommittee Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Regulations Subcommittee-The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2014.</u>• <u>Newsletter Subcommittee-2014 Winter Newsletter has been printed and hard copies will be distributed upon arrival. The newsletter was sent via email blast to all licensed veterinarians.</u>	
OS-0115-12 OS-0115-13	<u>Reading of Open Session Motions</u> <u>Addendum Items Introduced by Dr. Kampani:</u> <u>Licensure/Renewal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Kampani inquired about the turn-around-time pertaining for one to become licensed in the District. She also stated that she was concerned about the reputation throughout the veterinary community; as she the process can be quite arduous.• Dr. DelVento weighed in and shared with the Board the process of obtaining licensure in D.C., as he stated that there are required credentials that must be met in order to be eligible for licensure. He further explained that the turn-around-time doesn't take long providing that one follows the application instructions in it's entirely. Nevertheless, if all required supporting documents are not received in the allotted timeframe; as the application will be closed. The	AS



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	latest required supporting document is the Criminal Background Check (CBC) which has become very helpful in determining approval or denial of licensure.	
OS-0115-14	<p><u>Volunteer, Unlicensed Practice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Kampani requested an overview of unlicensed practice law under the HORA. Board attorney provided a brief summary of the licensure exemption provisions of the HORA. Based on these provisions, WHS will likely request that its regular surgery volunteers seek DC license and WHS will recognize their licensure expenses as tax-exempt donation to WHS. Casual volunteers at any event should practice under supervision/affiliation with a DC licensed veterinarian.	

This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting, and pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b), and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting.